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Coin Quiz

1. Explorers Lewis and Clark gave away what type of medal during their 1894-06 Journey?

2. During what year were $30 Saint-Gaudens coins struck, but not placed into circulation?

3. How many cities have had U.S. Mints in the United States?

4. What is the composition of the modenr 5-cent piece?

Answers for December were:

1. Charles E. Barber Dougle Eagle
2. Variety 2 - 1854-58
3. GOD OUR TRUST
4. Eight

Get off to a new start on 1994 - hope these are somewhat easier.....

Meeting Highlights

Festive Christmas clothes covered the tables for the December Ham-potluck dinner, which was enjoyed by 25 members and guests, and was held in the Senior Center.

Business was kept to a minimum, with election of officers for 1994/95:

President	Ginny Bourke
Vice President	Dorothy Baber
Secretary	Kay Lenker
Treasurer	Larry Baber

3 Year Board Members:
Jean Luce - Pat Hook - Phil Centman

Drawing was held for the COINARAMA Medal Dies, with Jim Hunt winning the Mountain Lion die, and Francis Jones the Transcontinental Railroad die.

Donation auction had a wide variety of items and the auction, conducted by Al Baber, netted nearly $150. for the installation dinner prizes.

Show and tell theme was "Remembering Pearl Harbor" and many brought memorabilia of that time. Bringing items were Al Baber, Roger Sullivan, Les Peich, Dorothy Baber, Pappy Young and Phil Centman.

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You'll find this is a 'mini-version' of the Bulletin - Holiday season takes a toll on everyone's time, including the Editor.

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CALENDAR:

January 4 - 6:30 PM - Dinner - see details opposite page

Febr 1 Regular meeting - 7:15 PM - Senior Center - Speaker to be announced

Welcome

1994

Installation Banquet

SDNS Installation dinner will be held on Tuesday, January 4th, at 6:30 PM at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant at 3036 El Cajon Blvd -

With the soup, salad and fruitbar, there is a choice of one of the following entrees:

Country Fried steak
Savory Beef tips and noodles
Turkey and all the fixin's

ALL this, plus coffee, tea or milk, for a mere $8.00!!

MOST IMPORTANT HOWEVER, is that reservations are a MUST, and are to be made by December 30th. Call Dorothy at 442-2726, with your choice of entree by that date.

Speaker will be William O. Wisslead, SDNS's Santa Ana member, who will give a slide illustrated presentation on Buffalo nickels. It has been sometime since Bill presented a program to SDNS members - he is always welcomed.

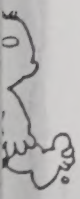
The monies from the donation auction promise to offer a nice prize for everyone attending, and the annual PARTICIPATION PRIZE is a Russion 5 Roubles Gold coin - 1889XF.

Coin Quiz winner will be presented a nice prize as well.

Dinner chairman Dorothy would appreciate payment of $8.00 (per diner) PRIOR to the event if possible, It certainly eliminated confusion so please make checks (made payable to SDNS) to Dorothy at 611 Oakwood Way El Cajon, CA 92021

REMEMBER - TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 1994 - 6:30 PM
BOB'S BIG BOY RESTAURANT

--- ALSO - remember to pay 1994 dues - $6.00



Next Meeting:

INSTALLATION DINNER MEETING - Jan. 4th
6:30 PM - Bob's Big Boy Restaurant
3036 El Cajon Blvd - San Diego

Meet us first Tuesday each month

7:15 p.m. at North Park Rec Center, 4044 Idaho St.

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There really wasn't a meeting, per se, in January - so no MEETING NOTES.

Twenty-seven members and guests enjoyed the dinner at Bob's Big Boy Restaurant on El Cajon Blvd. The food was much better than the previous year - under Sizzler ownership.

Jim Hunt won the award as the 'Scholar of the Year', receiving a set of SDNS 50th anniversary medals. Winner of the Russian 5 Roubles Gold coin as participation prize was Dorothy Baber.

Scheduled speaker Bill Wisslead became ill two days before the dinner and had to cancel. Substituting was Al Baber, who did give a talk on Buffalo nickels, but with no slides to illustrate. Bill still insists he will make it down to San Diego to do a program in the future.

Coin Quiz

Jim Hunt was the "SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR" and claimed the prize for answering the most quiz questions correctly in 1993. He was awarded a set of SDNS 50th anniversary medals at the Installation dinner on January 4th.

There were four responses to the January questions, and several indicated they want to have this feature continued. Chuck Luce and Jim Hunt have proved to be winners since the start of the questions - let's see if someone else can give them a run for their money in 1994.

January answers were:

1. Indian Peace Medals
2. 1933
3. Eight
4. 75% Copper and 25% nickel.

Now try these:

1. What city is named on the Old Spanish Trail Commemorative Half dollar?

2. In what County of North Carolina was the Charlotte Mint located?

3. The first kind of striking machine for coins was known by what name?

4. What percentage of copper made up the first half cent?

EDITOR'S NOTE....

We've known for quite some time that the Parkers, Jim and Peggy, were going to be leaving us for Oregon, but it has finally come to pass. They have had a home up there for over a year; their daughter is there, as well as Jim's parents. Peggy was having trouble in effecting a transfer with the Social Security office until now, and when it came about, it came fast. She reported to work in Bend, OR on January 24th. We are told that Jim will be returning to San Diego occasionally to take care of business items, but the whole hobby network in San Diego County certainly mourns their departure. Please don't forget us, Jim and Peggy, because we won't forget you!!

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Jim Parker visited with Jim Heine during one of his trips to and from Oregon, and reports that Jim (Heine) is feeling better than he has in a long time - things look encouraging. This came as good news to his friends in San Diego - Keep it up, Jim.

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Two members, under the weather, missed the Installation dinner - Laura Webb tells me she is scheduled for gall bladder surgery, as well as recurring problems with the carpal tunnel syndrome, and Francis Jones is suffering back spasms. He says this a problem that is taken care of only by time.
We hope both of these members are in better health day by day.

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Walking is a popular form of exercise that loses some appeal when it is done behind a lawn mower.

WHEN 'TALENT' MEANT MONEY....

One usually thinks of talent as a natural or acquired ability such as that possessed by writers, artists, and performers. With luck and perseverance, these people with talent usually make money.

Those familiar with the Bible will remember the parable of the talents in Mathew 25 14-30 wherein a wealthy man had to leave the country and left his talents to three slaves to use or invest according to the slave's judgment. Upon his return, the master expected an accounting of his talents. Two of the slaves invested the talents entrusted to them and doubled their value; the third buried his so had only the one talent to return to his master. Today's definition of 'turning one's talents into money' had its origin in this Bibilical passage.

The ancient and original meaning of the talent was money. The Hebrey, Babylonians, Greeks and Romans used talents as a means of transacting business. Before the 8th Century, BC, coinage was in its infancy and talents, the least of which weighed 57 pounds, varied in value from country to country, and also silver and gold had different values.

The talent was never struck because no coin weighing 57 pounds was practical. It could not be carried around. A merchant had to keep small talents on hand to make change for the customer who also had to have 'small change' with him if business was to be conducted. For example, the Greek Attic silver weighed 57 pounds while the Aeginetian standard weighed 83 pounds.

The Hebrew weight of silver talent was equal to 3,000 shekels in silver or about $1,800 in U.S. dollars. The gold talent had different weights and values in different places. The Roman great talent was worth about $480, while the little talent was worth about $363.

Is there among us a reader of historical and/ or adventure novels who does not remember Ben Hur by Lew Wallace?.... or a movie buff who couldn't describe the chariot race in the movie version? The author wrote, "one or more talents were bet on each chariot race..." and the rich Romans wagered their talents on the talents of their favorite chariot racer.

Martha Stevenson, NLG
SDNS Mbr

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NEXT MEETING - - -

February's program, scheduled in the Senior Center of North Park Recreation, will be the second part of the Slide program presented by Chuck Luce at the November meeting - 'Dating Systems of Coins"

Coin of the month will be Kennedy Half Dollar dated 1965 to 1970, and refreshments will be funded by Mbr Irving Wool, by a cash donation when he paid his 1994 dues. Come to the meeting, Irv, and be surprised with

Look for the sign up sheet to be either host or hostess at the remaining meetings for the year. June is Birthday night, so no hostess; and December needs no host. Check your calendar to see which date you wish to offer to help.

TUNAMAN'S MEMORIAL

This is the design that was selected at the Nov. meeting of the Council for the 37th Coinarama July 9th and 10th. The memorial is located on Shelter Island, and is the design of Chuck Luce.

WHY WORRY?

There are only two things to worry about:

Either you are well or you are sick.
If you are well, there's nothing to worry about.
But, if you are sick, there are only two things to worry about:
Either you get well, or you die.
If you get well, there's nothing to worry about.
But if you die, there are only two things to worry about:
Either you will go to heaven or hell.
If you go to heaven, there's nothing to worry about.
But if you go to hell, you'll be so busy shaking hands with friends, you won't have time to worry.

Anonymous

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR $6.00 DUES YET? ? ? ?

The Al Babers travelled up to San Jose the week end of January 22/23rd to attend the 93rd CSNA Convention, held in conjunction with the San Jose Coin Club convention.

During the business meeting, President David Lange up-dated members on the closing of the Old Mint in San Francisco. He has been appointed as a member of a committee to help look for ways to keep the Mint open. Currently, there has been a 90-day stay granted as there was such a hue and cry when this unexpected announcement was made the first week in January. Also on this committee is former Mint Superintendent Carol Meyer Marshall, who does have an interest in California's numismatists. A letter was signed and directed to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen voicing the opinion of numismatists on the West Coast, against the closing of the 'Granite Lady'. CSNA fought long and hard in the 1970's to reopen the Old Mint as a museum, and would be disappointed if it is allowed to fall into a state of disrepair.

Phil Centman's name was among those receiving 25 year membership medals, as was another of SDNS members - Tom Fitzgerald. Tom has been named as General Chairman for the 1995 A.N.A. convention in Anaheim, and is asking for suggestions from all California members.

The next CSNA convention will be held with the GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW, Friday and Saturday, Sept 30 and Oct 1, 1994, at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles. This time it will be only a 2-day show. Phil Iversen, SDNS Sherman Oaks members, will be General Chairman of this event. Phil was somewhat shook-up by the Jan. 17th earthquake, and was glad to be in the hotel, where could finally find running water and lights.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday Febr. 1, 1994 7:15 PM
Slide Program: Dating System of
Coins - Chuck Luce
Coin: Kennedy Half - 1965 - 1970

Meet us first Tuesday each month

7:15 p.m. at North Park Rec Center, 4044 Idaho St.

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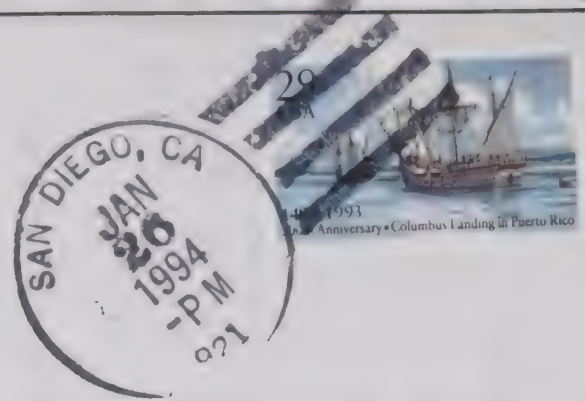

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Coin Quiz

The answers to February questions are:

1. El Paso Texas
2. Mecklinburg County
3. Screw Press
4. 100%

There was some question as to whether **WEST POINT** is a City or a Military Base, and so before any final tally is made, that question will be cleared up.

Try these for March, and since I will not be here to collect answers, please give them to President Ginny who will see they get to me. **NOT ALL OF THESE** questions are strictly **COIN** questions, so you may have to check out a source other than the Red Book. **GOOD LUCK**

1. Why were arrows added to some 1853 seated Liberty dollars?
2. When were the first National Bank notes issued?
3. What was the last year of coinage of the Carson City Mint?
4. How many U.S. Presidents appear on U.S. Paper Money?

Council President Chuck Luce reminded members at the Febr. 12 Council meeting of National Coin Week, April 17-23 - 'The World's Largest Treasure Hunt.' American Numismatic Association hopes that local club members will put into circulation in their respective areas coins that young (or new) collectors will consider 'real finds' - citing such examples as Wheat cents, Indian head cents, Buffalo nickels, etc. You know, those coins that established collectors might consider 'excess baggage' So check out your duplicates and plan on spendsome of them in your local stores. MAYBE we could get the media to make some mention of coin week, advising young interested collectors to REALLY look at their change during that period.

The FAIR dates this year are June 15/July 5 and Numismatics will be in the same area. The Junior gemologists will be moved to another area so there may be more space for coin exhibits. BAD NEWS is that there is to be a $5 parking fee; Roger doesn't know if free entry passes for volunteers will cover parking or not.

There will be NO BUS to the CSNA symposium this year. The $580. cost of the bus is prohibitive since a survey found that there are not enough people, even at $15 per person, to cover the cost. There is talk about carpools so check with your fellow club members to get a ride, or drive and take a passenger.

Jack Hook (and Jean Luce) have prepared coin cans again this year, to accumulate minor coins, US and foreign, for youth at both the Fair and Coinarama. Get out your 'junk boxes' and be prepared to donate to the jars which you will find at all the club meetings.

HEADS or TAILS ? ? ? ?

In ancient times, people believed that major life decisions should be made by the Gods. Although coins were first minted in the tenth century B.C., by the Lydians, they were not initially used for decision making.

It was Julius Caesar, nine hundred years later, who initiated the heads/tails coin clipping practice. Caesars own head appeared on one side of every Roman Coin and consequently, it was a "head" that in a coin clip determined the winner of a dispute or indicated an affirmative response from the Gods.

Such was the reverence for Caesar that seriour litigation involving property, marriage or criminal guilt often was settled by the flip of a coin.

THANKS, Ginny Bourke, for finding this bit of information for us in Charles Panati's 'Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things.'

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CHULA VISTA COIN CLUB has issued fourth medal, honoring John J. Montgomery, the Father of Basic Flying.

Check with Chuck Luce if you are interested in obtaining one of these 3-piece sets - .999 fine silver, golden bronze, and oxidized bronze.

Meeting Highlights

SDNS gained a new member at the February meeting - Ellen Sims. She had made inquiry about the club, and upon receiving a copy of the Bulletin, she joined! Welcome, and hope to see her at an early meeting.

Jim Wells was present to receive the Edgerton Award, for Best in Show at Coinarama last July.

Chuck Luce presented the second portion of the slide program 'DATING SYSTEMS ON COINS", continued from last November. The program for March will be 'YOUR FAVORITE OR FIRST COIN' so all members will be describing their coins or medals.

Pat and Jack Hook took the COIN OF THE MONTH, and the Goodie Jar, respectively. Talk about luck!

Show and Tell for tonight was:

Phil Centman	Flight of the Kitty Hawk Medals
Al Baber	Two 5 Oz. Mexico Convention medals, 1 of them counterstamped in Bangkok
Mike Shaw	10 oz. Silver Medal from Great Britain
Roger Sullivan	Love Token purchase, and Farran Zerbe Stor Card
Dorothy Baber	Phil Centman's 25 year membership medal from CSNA convention.

Members voted to have a spaghetti dinner for the June Birthday meeting - along with Other Hobby Night. It will be all-you-can-eat dinner for $3.00.

Refreshments were home made cinnamon rolls, furnished through donation of Irv Wool and served by Dorothy.

Donations to door prizes for the evening were from Les Peich, Dorothy and Al Baber.

MONTH	SPEAKER	HOST/HOSTESS	COIN
FEBR.	CHUCK LUCE	IRV WOOL	HALF DOLLAR
MARCH	FAVORITE OR FIRST COIN	FLO PEICH	BRONZE MEDALS
APRIL	_____	PAT HOOK	SILVER 50¢ PIECE
MAY	_____	_____	_____
JUNE	OTHER HOBBY	SPAGHETTI DINNER	SUSAN B ANTHONY $
JULY	_____	THE LUCE'S	_____
AUGUST	_____	_____	INDIAN HEAD CENT
SEPT.	_____	DOROTHY BABER	_____
OCT.	_____	_____	_____
NOV.	_____	_____	_____
DEC,	WHITE ELEPHANT	POT LUCK DINNER	CHRISTMAS TOKENS

JUST LOOK AT ALL THE BLANK SPOTS UP THERE, FOR SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS, AND HOST/HOSTESSES!!!

PLEASE TURN UP AT THE NEXT MEETING, WITH YOUR NAME IN ONE OF THE SPACES. WOULD HELP THE BOARD FOR PLANNING PURPOSES....
SUPPORT THE CLUB IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, PLEASE.

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ESPECIALLY BY PAYING YOUR DUES, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. ONLY $6.00 PER YEAR

CALENDAR - - -

MARCH 1	Regular Meeting - bring your FIRST or FAVORITE COIN and tell about it! Hostess: Florence Peic t Coin: 39mm Bronze medals
MARCH 19	CSNA SYMPOSIUM - Griswold's Inn Fullerton - 1500 S. Raymond Ave FLASH!! - NO BUS THIS YEAR!!
April 5	Regular meeting - Program TBA Hostess: Pat Hook Coin: Silver 50¢ piece
April 7	NORMAN PARK CENTER - Chula Vista and Military Coin Clubs co-host Quarterly Joint Meeting.
April 17/23	"THE WORLD'S LARGEST TREASURE HUNT" - A.N.A. National Coin Week.

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ORDER YOUR COINARAMA MEDALS NOW - SAVE MONEY

Medal Chairman Ken Stempien is taking orders (and money) for the 1994 COINARAMA medal which this year honors the founders and pioneers of the tuna industry in San Diego, and those tunamen lost at sea. This bronze memorial, located on Shelter Island, depicts three tunamen hoisting a 'three pole tuna.' Medals are 39mm in diameter and struck in 1 oz. .999 fine silver, golden bronze, oxidized bronze and copper. If PAID FOR before April 1st, there is a saving of $3.00, but after that, price is $25.00 for the 4 piece set. Contact Ken at P.O.Box 13331, El Cajon 92022...

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Griswold's Inn, in Fullerton, is again the site of the CSNA educational forum, scheduled for Saturday, March 19th, 1994.

Since there will be no bus, take note of the address - 1500 S. Raymond Ave. Take Hwy 405 to 91W and you are right there. Tom Fitzgerald has brought together another group of distinguished speakers:

William O. Wisslead
'An Overview of the Double Eagle'
WilliamF. Spengler
'Astrology and Coins of the East'
Scott A. Travers
'What's it worth? Pricing as the Cornerstone of Consumer Protection'
Fred Schwan
'Numismatics of 'D' Day, June 6, 1944'

There will be non-competitive exhibits as well, and the program starts at 10:00 AM - lunch at noon, and then two more presentations after lunch. Those of you who have gone before can verify that you will truly enjoy yourself. See you there.

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An 'old timer' remembers when a union suit was something worn instead of something filed against someone.

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The Babers and Kay Lenker are off to New Orleans; fortunately MARDI GRAS is a thing of the past so we can probably enjoy the city, visiting with SDNS Mbr. L. L. LUNDBERG as well.... (The AL Babers that is!!!)

Next Meeting:

MARCH 1, 1994 7:15 PM
"MY FAVORITE OR FIRST COIN"
Show and Tell for everyone:
COIN: Bronze Medals

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Coin Quiz

FIRST OFF - the #1 question in the March issue was not correct!!! It should have been "Why were arrows added to some 1853 SEATED LIBERTY QUARTER DOLLARS?" The word QUARTER was omitted so everyone gets a CORRECT on that question.

Other answers are:	#2	1863
	#3	1893
	#4	13

For April:

1. What independent area, not formally a state until 1791, issued copper coins during the 1780's?
2. Indian Head $5 gold pieces were struck only at Philadelphia during what year?
3. How many times does the denomination appear on the face of the $20 original Charter National Bank Note?
4. In what year were more patterns produced than in any other?

Meeting Highlights

There were 3 guests at the March meeting - Floyd Murphy (guest of Mbr Doug Decker) - who later became new Member 1026, Robert Fritsch of New Hampshire (President of Wooden Money Society) with his mother Helen Fritsch.

Del Mar Fair notes - Roger Sullivan will have exhibit forms at the April meeting. BIRDS ON COINS is the theme this year. Roger said that though there is to be a $3.00 parking fee, volunteers of the Information booth will receive passes.

JACK HOOK again has his project 'Coins for Kids' and goodie jars will be available at the meetings, for members to donate U.S. and Foreign coins, tokens, medals, etc to be issued to interested youth at both the Fair and at the Coinarama.

JIM PARKER was visiting in town, and conducted the MY FAVORITE OR FIRST COIN/MEDAL program, and those participating were Larry Baber, Chuck Luce, Ginny Bourke, Jack Hook, Mike Shaw, Roger Sullivan, Floyd Murphy, Paul Boltz, Francis Jones and Robert Fritsch. (I believe Peggy was in town as well, but her dog had her at an obedience school!)

It was reported that Laura Webb is doing well after surgery for both Gall stones, and kidney stones, and Francis Jones back problems have abated to the point he was able to attend again.

REFRESHMENTS were served by Florence Peich - home made cupcakes, and both vanilla and chocolate ice-cream - delicious.

Thanks to Pat Hook for taking minutes in absence of Kay Lenker.

Calendar

Speaker - John Stadnyk will talk about one of his favorite topics - CANADIAN COINAGE -
Refreshments --Par Hook - Coin - Silver 50¢ piece

Editorial

Your editor was off in New Orleans at the time of the March meeting, and will be off in the Caribbean during the April meeting - so you get a mini-issue this time. IF anyone objects, they can take over the Editorial tasks any time....

We enjoyed our trip to New Orleans for the A.N.A. Earl Spring Show (especially seeing L.L.Lundberg!) but it was an extremely slow convention. Attendance did not reach 4,000. In fact, the slowest convention we have attended in a long time. We did, however, bring home some souvenirs which we will share at the May meeting.

There were 19 San Diego County club members attending the CSNA 26th annual Symposium in Fullerton on March 19th, and we determined we were almost a third of the total attendance, which was a good representation as there was no bus. Al Baber, Chuck Luce and Ken Aring were invitational exhibitors, and 54 guests enjoyed the luncheon, as well as the very good presentations of Bill Wisslead, Scott Travers, Bill Spengler, and Fred Schwan. Krause Publications (Cliff Mishler) made two new NUMISMATIC AMBASSADOR awards, to Bill Spengler and CSNA President David Lange. Clifford stated that the state of California is home to more Ambassadors than any other state in the Union - 34 living ambassadors, and 16 who have passed away.

DON'T FORGET the World's Greatest Treasure Hunt, during National Coin Week - April 17th to 23rd, and spend some of your dust-gathering duplicates at local mini-marts, Jack-in-the-Box, etc. Both Chuck and I are trying to get as much publicity as possible, to get the general public to CHECK THEIR CHANGE during this time period. Please do you part, and spend some of those extra wheat cents, buffalo nickels, Eisenhower dollars, and other uncommon coins.

AND - hope your 1994 dues are paid - we are quite a ways into the new year, and some of you have forgotten to pay the $6.00 dues....

Next Meeting:

APRIL 5, 1994 - REGULAR MEETING
JOHN STADNYK - CANADIAN COINAGE.
Hostess; Pat Hook
Coin: Silver 50¢ piece

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7:15 p.m. at North Park Adult Center
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Coin Quiz

There was only one (1) person with a perfect score on the April questions - answers are:

#1	Vermont	#3	57
#2	1929	#4	1877

You probably know who you are, so congratulations!

Here are the MAY questions:

1. What is the first date found on the $2.50 gold pieces?
2. The 20-cent piece was struck at what three Mints in 1875, its first year of issue?
3. How many links are in the chain of the 1794 Chain Cent?
4. On what date was the U.S. Mint first authorized by Congress?

CALENDAR .....

MAY 3	Regular meeting - Speaker: Ed Wheeler, President Oceanside/Carlsbad Coin Club Host Roger Sullivan Coin Mercury Dime
May 7	SDCICNC Meeting - delegates will be notified
May 8	Mother's Day
May 15	Heartland Coin Show - El Cajon
May 30	Memorial Day
June 7	SDNS Birthday dinner - Spaghetti 6:00 PM (Details next month)
June 15	San Diego County Fair Opening Day

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SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT

June 7 will be birthday night for the Society - celebrated with a spaghetti dinner for only $3.50 per person.

Another feature will be OTHER HOBBY NIGHT. All members surely have something else they collect, and this will be a good time to share with your fellow member.

Two of our out-of-town members, Paul Whitnah and Martha Stevenson have made monetary donations to the Society, and this money will be used to purchase birthday cake. Thanks to you, Paul and Martha.

MORE DETAILS IN NEXT ISSUE.....

San Diego County coin collectors will be well represented at the 1995 American Numismatic Association convention in ANAheim.. At a recent meeting, San Diego faces to be seen were:

Kay Lenker	Ass't Gen'l Chairman
Jim & Ellen Hunt	Special Activities
Ginny Bourke	Pre Registration
Dorothy Baber	Patron, South

Though they hold membership in SDNS, both Tom Fitzgerald (General Chairman) and Phil Iversen (Young Numismatist/Page Chairman) maintain their residences out of the County.

Another face at the meeting was that of ANA Director Helen Carmody, a SDNS member, who will be active in the way of moral support.

Convention Director Ruthann Brettell met with Tom's committee late in March, and Tom will be meeting with this committee again in May.

Ruthann has found some very reasonable housing very near the Convention Center, so one can start making long-range plans now to be sure and attend - August 16 - 20, 1995 at the ANAheim Convention Center.

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DON'T LET KIDS READ THIS: Thomas Edison (1847-1931) filed over 1,000 patent applications during his life, and is widely credited today for developing or improving the electric light, phonograph, stock ticker, motion picture camera, and more. Yet he spent only three months of his life in formal schooling!

Meeting Highlights

Kay Lenker reported on the A.N.A. Early Spring Convention in New Orleans, as well as the recent CSNA Symposium in Fullerton.

She also reported that tables for the Coinarama are being reserved earlier than in the past, with some dealers taking two instead of one table.

Jim Hunt was promoting Exhibits for that show, and had applications for those interested. The deadline for submittal is July 2nd, or until space is filled.

Roger Sullivan was taking names of those who will be able to help at the information table at the County Fair. Theme this year is BIRDS ON COINS, and Fair dates are June 15 to July 4. There is a $5 fee PER PERSON for exhibiting and cash prizes will be awarded.

SHOW AND TELL included:

Roger Sullivan's unissued Army Medal of Honor. He pointed out that each service, Army, Navy and Air Force has it's own distinctive style.
Mike Shaw had a commemorative medal of an Indian meeting in 1857.
Jim Hunt shared a Vatican set in bi-metallic metals.
Kay Lenker displayed a set of Canadian Olympic Coins of 1976.
Ginny Bourke's contribution was a Ben Franklin Mint Medal.

Members were reminded to contribute to the Junior give-away coin jars for the Fair and for Coinarama that are being circulated by Jack Hook.

John Stadnyk enlightened the members on his history of collecting Canadian Coins- he has been collecting for 70 years. He explained that coin

minting in Canada is a big business, with their three mints boasting over 700 employees working on 3 8-hour shifts. He had some nice specimens to enhance the talk.

The goodie jar was claimed by Roger Sullivan and Wayne Dickey won the 5¢ pieces.

Raffle was conducted by Chuck Luce, in Al Baber's absence, and prizes were won by 12 of the 18 members present. Jim Parker was visiting again and took away a prize or two.

Donations to the raffle prizes were made by new memberFloyd Murphy, Ginny Bourke, John Stadnyk, Dorothy and Al Baber.

Refreshments were furnished and served by Pat and Jack Hook.

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NEXT MEETING - May 3rd - 7:15 PM

Marine Sgt. Ed Wheeler, President of the Oceanside/Carlsbad Coin Club will be the speaker at the May 3rd meeting. Ed spent some time in Somalia last year, and will be presenting a slide program on that area and talking about the country.
PLEASE plan on coming and bring a friend.
Host for May meeting will be Roger Sullivan and coin of the month is a Mercury dime.

We'd like to see a good turn out -

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Some people are like blisters - they don't show up until the work is done.

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In the good old days, people quit spending when they ran out of money.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE AGING WHEN...

... your children begin to look middle aged.
...you finally reach the top of the ladder and find it is leaning against the wrong wall.
...you decide to procrastinate but then never get around to it.
...you are still chasing women but cannot remember why.
...a dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.
...you turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.
...you sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.
...you're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist and 96 around the golf course.
...dialing long distance wears you out.
...you have too much room in the house and not enough room in the medicine cabinet.
...your pacemaker makes the garage door go up when you watch a pretty girl go by.
...you remember today that your wedding anniversary was yesterday.

AND YOU KNOW YOU ARE IN S SMALL TOWN WHEN:

...you leave your jacket on the back of the chair in the diner and when you go back the next day, it's still there.
...you miss a Sunday at Church and receive two get well cards.
...Third street is on the edge of town.
...You don't signal turns because everyone knows where you are going.
...no social events can be scheduled when the school gym floor is being varnished.
...you call a wrong number and they tell you the right one.

Courtesy "Country" magazine.

EDITORIAL NOTES

CORRECTION to the last issue: Laura Webb informed us that it was ONLY gall stones, so sorry for the erroneous information and hope she is getting along much better by now.

HAPPY to see that new member Floyd Murphy has convinced 'old time member' Doug Decker to start attending meetings again. It is so nice to have you back.

Received a call from Dan Harley this past week who has an additional six (6) albums in which to house the California State Numismatic Association medals. This new order sells for $25.00 each, and if anyone is interested, give Dan a call at 444-2198.

Also, Jan Henke of Fairfield,CA is looking for a number of the CSNA medals to complete his collection, as well as help a fellow collector in Ohio. Chuck Luce has the list of what Jan needs, so if you have some duplicates, see Chuck.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB will auction off the two Coinarama dies they received at their Coin show on May 15th at the Masonic Temple in El Cajon. The auction will be at 1:00 PM and the two dies are the 24th - Wild Mustang and the 25th - Bald Eagle.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW: "Why is money green?: In 1929 when small sized notes were introduced, green was continued because it was easy to acquire in quantities, was resistant to chemical changes and physochologically was perceived as strong and stable credit of the government. MAYBE in the 90's the color should be red? (Coin Talk)

Next Meeting:

MAY 3 - ED WHEELER - Speaker
Slide program on Somalia
Host: Roger Sullivan

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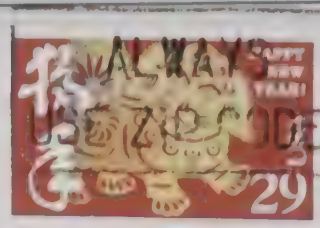

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Coin Quiz

How did you on last month's questions?

1. 1796
2. Philadelphia, Carson City and San Francisco
3. NONE (1793 had 15)
4. Though a resolution was passed on March 3, 1791 that a Mint be established, and a government Mint was approved on Febr 21, 1792, it was on April 2, 1792 that a bill was finally passed providing for the construction of a Mint. The question was not real clear - so any of the 3 will be acceptable.

Hope these are better:

1. What was the most common denomination of coin struck at the Dahlonega Mint?
2. The U.S. Mint struck coins for how many countries in 1946?
3. On some gold coins from California during the Gold Rush, what does "S.M.V." stand for?
4. What Mints issued $3 gold pieces for only one year?

SPAGHETTI DINNER

MENU:

Spaghetti - - Green Salad -- Hot Bread

AND, special birthday cake through generosity of Paul Whitnah (Arlington TX member) and Martha Stevenson, (Richton Park IL member)

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and members are asked to bring their own table service, and where possible, correct change of $3.50 per person.

Dorothy will be making the spaghetti sauce and Kay will be responsible for the salad.

AND DON'T FORGET - it is also OTHER HOBBY NIGHT - bring out the 'other' collections to share.

Reservations are not mandatory, but would be helpful if you called Dorothy at 442-2726, so we can get an idea of how many will be attending.

TUESDAY - June 7th - 6:30 PM

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Calendar:

June 15 to July 4 - County Fair
July 5 - 7:15 PM - Regular meeting
Hosting: Chuck and Jean Luce
(and India, who is home for the summer!)
July 9/10 COINARAMA - Scottish Rite Temple
Awards Breakfast 8:00 AM on the 10th

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Editor's Note:

This month marks 30 years as Editor of this Bulletin which is a lot of paper through the typewriter. I could use some articles as I run out of 'copy', which accounts for this 'brief' edition. Anyone want to help?

Dorothy

CLUB BRIEFS

Routine business took up part of the meeting, with Al Baber receiving an ANA Educational award for his talk at the January installation dinner.

Members shared thoughts on National Coin Week, expressing disappointment with local news media who, even tho furnished with specimen coins and material, did not see fit to support the cause.

Ed Wheeler, President of Oceanside/Carlsbad Coin Club presented the members with a slide program on Somalia where he spent several months, as part of his Marine activity. It was enlightening, as well as depressing.

Show 'n Tell:

Mike Shaw	African General Service medals
Jim Hunt	Circulating Turkish coins
Al Baber	Medal for James Hoban, architect of the Capitol and the White House
Phil Centman	Golden replicas of stamps
Roger Sullivan	Old board for cents (1937), flea market purchase and book on Medals of Honor
Floyd Murphy	1936 Proof set - recent purchase
Jim Wells	Material on ANA Summer Seminar
Kay Lenker	Souvenirs of recent EUCOPRIMO in Germany

Roger Sullivan furnished and served refreshments, and donated proceeds of Kitty to Society - Thanks, Roger
Ted Gottschall's name was drawn for the Goodie Jar, and it was Pat Hook who won the 16 dimes in Coin of the Month.

Some of the raffle prize winners dropped their winnings in the Junior Jar for youth at the Fair and Coinarama

Kay tells me that about 8 members have not renewed for 1994. IF your address label is highlighted, you are one of these 'delinquents' - Please send $6.00.....

DID you get out and vote for your favorite candidate(s)?

Next Meeting:

BIRTHDAY=SPAGHETTI DINNER: 6:30 PM
Other Hobby Night -
Coin: Susan B. Anthony Dollar

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Coin Quiz

1. Name the structure on the reverse of the Battle of Antietam Commemorative Half dollar.

2. Which President is portrayed on the first oval, die-struck Indian Peace Medal.

3. What 18th Century quarter was a one-year type?

4. How many arrows are seen on the reverse of a silver 3-cent piece of 1866?

Answers for June were:

1. Half eagle
2. Nine
3. Standard Mint Value
4. New Orleans and Dahlonega

Lots of luck -

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SEE YOU AT COINARAMA..... July 9/10

COINARAMA ' 94

Gen'l Chairman Kay Lenker spelled out many of the details of the 37th Coinarama, July 9/10, in the Council Bulletin, but this Editor wants to point out that the Awards Breakfast on Sunday morning will be at the same location as the Coinarama - not off-site as last year. Caterer Bob will offer a fine buffet breakfast, so get your tickets from Dorothy, or at least call her and make a reservation - only $5.50 - at 8:00 AM -

A number of the SDNS members are serving as chairpersons:

Kay Lenker	*Gen'l Chairman*
Jim Hunt	*Co-Gen'l Chairman and Exhibit Chairman*
Dorothy Baber	*Breakfast chairman*
Chuck Luce	*Registration and Wooden Money Chairman*
Jim Hill	*Auction Chairman*
Ginny Bourke	*Program Chairman*

Nice to keep us all active.

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JULY MEETING -

JULY MEETING WILL FEATURE ROGER SULLIVAN AS SPEAKER - SINCE ROGER HAD ABOUT 8 OR 9 'OTHER HOBBIES' AT THE JUNE MEETING, THE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN GAVE HIM HIS CHOICE OF TOPICS FOR JULY MEETING AND HE OPTED TO TALK ABOUT MILITARY MEDALS, SO LOOK FORWARD TO AN INTERESTING TALK.
JULY 5 - 7:15 PM - NO. PARK ADULT CENTER.
COIN OF THE MONTH - IKE DOLLAR
HOSTING: CHUCK AND JEAN LUCE
SEE YOU THERE.. BRING A FRIEND, AND BRING A 'SHOW AND TELL'

FAIR - GOER'S

... found the coins and medals in a new area this year, with other hobbies, and not with Gems and Minerals. The Mission Tower building housed a variety of hobbies (including LINT (?), in a pleasant, nice new building. I believe that we will be in the same area in the future.

SDNS members exhibiting were:

Jim Wells Confederate Currency taking the Best in Show award
Ginny Bourke Birds on Society of Medallists Medals - winning the theme prize
Phil Centman Ships of the World Animals on PNC's taking 3rd place for each of these.

Kay Lenker displayed Maria Theresia, non-competitively.
Roger Sullivan did have trouble getting the information booth manned every day...too many club members took only a half-day, choosing the AM shift.

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THE 'TATE' FAMILY -

You may have heard of the TATE family.

They are in every organization. There is DIC TATE, who wants to run everything. RO TATE is always trying to change things. AGI TATE stirs up trouble whenever possible, with the help of IRRI TATE, who is always there to lend a hand. Everytime new ideas are suggested, HESI TATE and VEGE TATE say that can't possibly work. IMI TATE just wants to copy what other organizations are doing, and never try anything new. DEVAS TATE loves to be disruptive, and POTEN TATE wants to be a big show, but it is FACILI TATE, COGI TATE and MEDI TATE who always save the day, and get everything going, and everyone pulling together.

1804 dollar

IF you are a subscriber to Numismatic News, you no doubt read the article regarding former SDNS member Harlan White's purchase of one of the 15 known specimens of the 1804 dollar. Harlan will have a table at Coinarama but he does not promise that he will have the dollar on display. He thinks it is a million dollar or more coin. Want to buy it?

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July 5 -7:15 PM -Regular meeting -
Roger Sullivan on Military Medals
Chuck and Jean Luce-refreshments
Ike Dollar - coin

July 9/10 37th Annual Coinarama
Scottish Rite Memorial Temple
Open at 10:00 AM each day, closing at 6:00 on Saturday, and 5:00 on Sunday

Sunday - 8:00 AM $5.50
Tickets are available, or at least call Dorothy to make a reservation.

IF you are on the list to purchase club medals, these will be available at the Club table at Coinarama.

July 27/31 - 103rd American Numismatic Association Convention - Detroit Michigan

August 2 Regular SDNS Meeting
Program to be announced
Refreshments - Bob Vik

Sept 30/Oct 1 = GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW -
Airport Marina Hotel - Los Angeles
Long range planning.....

HISTORY OF THE OLD WEST

While visiting Laughlin in May, I came across a history magazine of the Old West entitled 'Frontier Chronicles' and there was one article on the Covered Wagon, also known as 'prairie schooner' - a modified verson of the Conestoga wagons of Pennsylvania.

Some facts brought to light revealed that since the wagons had no springs, those who were able to walk usually did so.

The wagon trains day started at 4:00 AM, and it was often an 18 hour day. Contrary to Hollywood westerns, Indians rarely attacked wagon trains, or circled wagons, but the lone wagon and stragglers were altogether a different story. Actually, accident and illness was far more deadly than Indians. During 1850, more than 55,000 folks headed their wagons along the Western trails. On one wagon train, it was reported there was one grave every eighty yards.

One discouraged traveller described his wagon in the wilderness as "250 miles from the nearest post office, 100 miles to wood, 20 miles to water, and six inches from Hell.'

There were also some comical entries from the Police Column of a San Francisco newspaper in 1852 - such as the lady who was found 'punching the goard (sic) of a poor, ill-shaven luckless man who had drank until he had become weak in the knees. Fined $50 and the Recorder sent the man to jail for three days because he had become so drunk as to let a woman thrash him.' - another: 'John Briggs, found comfortably drunk on Long Wharf. Discharged on promise to reform.'

Interesting reading.....

Editor

CLUB BRIEFS

It was a disappointing crowd of only 15 who attended the spaghetti dinner for the June Birthday - so everyone had more than enough spaghetti to eat - as well as the delicious birthday cake from Paul Whitnah and Martha Stevenson.

Charter Member Paul Boltz was presented with a certificate naming him TOP DOG; he is the only living Charter Member of the Society - joining in the first year of the Club -1937. Paul had MBR # 55 until he was awarded Life Member #13 in 1984.

Other Hobbies shared were:

Dorothy Baber	Crochet Hooks and books
Al Baber	Shadow Boxes he made to house antique Jew's harp and Corkscrew
Jim Hunt	World Cup Soccer sets, and Wartime nickels
Kay Lenker	Books on fruit trees and bushes
Paul Boltz	Stamps and post cards
Phil Centman	First day Covers and PNC's
Ginny Bourke	Hallmark ornaments found at swap meets, and a book on collectibles.
Francis Jones	Books on Laurel and Hardy, and Man, Ships and the Sea
Roger Sullivan	a myriad of collectibles - including an Eisenhower jacket from D-day, love tokens, lapel pins, antique glass, etc.

Even though Chuck Luce was absent, he submitted Susan B. Anthony's, and won the 8 in the pot. Kay Lenker claimed the goodie jar.

Again, thanks to Paul and Martha for taking care of our sweet tooth...

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Editor's P.S.

Richton Park IL member, Martha Stevenson, has moved and is now living with her daughter. Martha has contributed items in the past for the Bulletin - hope she took her typewriter with her.

Had a telephone call from Peggy Parker the day before the Spaghetti dinner - she has yet to get involved in a coin club in the area where they are and misses the people in San Diego. Jim makes it down to San Diego about the first of each month, and one of these days, his trip down will coincide with an SDNS meeting, and maybe he will visit.

Al and I visited with Bill Schultz last week; he had some back issues of Numismatic News to share. His bad foot keeps him confined to the apartment, and especially cannot go out at night.

Laura Webb has been in and out of doctors offices and hospital. The Laser surgery on the Gall bladder was a 'piece of cake' she says, but other problems are numerous - tendonitis, bronchitis, sinusitis, and she is not sure that the medications are really doing any good. She hopes to be on registration desk for Coinarama -

If you find vacant spots in this bulletin, it is because I could use some short items to print.

Eric Millman has been conspicuous by his absence - feel sure he is one of those soccer fans right now - maybe he'll have a fantastic exhibit after the games are over....

LATE FLASH!!! The San Francisco MINT is to be saved! More details from correspondence just received to be revealed at next meeting.....

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting - JULY 5 - 7:15 PM
Speaker: Roger Sullivan - MILITARY MEDALS.
Coin - Ike Dollar

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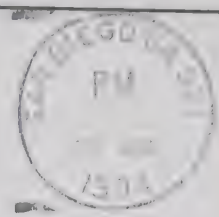

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Coin Quiz

1. What kind of wreath was used on the 1860 Indian Head Cent?

2. What U.S. Mint facility operated in Helene, Mont. from 1877 to 1933?

3. Indian Quarter eagle gold pieces were struck from 1908-1929, missing what years?

4. According to the Red Book, what is the meaning of the word "FUGIO"?

Answers for July were:

1. Burnside Bridge
2. Rutherford B. Hayes
3. 1796 Draped Bust Small eagle
4. Three

Lots of Luck --

Notes of the July Meeting

In response to an appeal for funds to save the San Francisco Mint it was voted to send a check for $25.00 from SDNS. A request for individual donations is elsewhere in this bulletin.

Al Baber was present and received his metal SDNS Life Membership card. This award to Al had recently been proposed and approved. Al becomes Life Member #16 in the clubs fifty-seven year history.

Roger Sullivan provided an interesting program on Military medals.

New member **David Smith** (#1027) was welcomed.

Show & Tell:

Chuck Luce - material on Elephants and Leprosy issues.
Jim Hunt - Canadian silver dollar of the last dog sled patrol by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
Eric Millman - A Russian participation medal from the Lillehammer games.
Al Baber - Sugar tokens from the Westin Kauai.
Kay Lenker - A set of five Ike dollars.
Jim Wells - British WW I and WW II medals.
Ginny Bourke - A telephone card from Russia
Francis Jones - A Jefferson dollar and a book by Bowers.

Mike Shaw - British Empire medals.
Doug Decker - Old Coinarama Programs and a 1960 cent with errors.
Phil Centman - British Penny Black stamp.
Dorothy Baber - Frontier Chronicles and Confessions of a Numismatic Fanatic.

Following refreshments of cake and ice cream served by Chuck Luce the raffles were conducted.

The coin of the month (six Ike dollars) went to Al Baber.

A book from ANA was won by Phil Centman.

Regular raffle prizes were won by Jim Parker, Jim Hunt (3), Phil Centman, Chuck Luce (3), Floyd Murphy (5), Ginny Bourke (2), Wayne Dickey, Dorothy Baber (2), and John Stadnyk.

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As noted below, speakers are required for the remainder of the year.

Month	**Speaker**	**Host/Hostess**	**Coin**
August	_____	Bob Vik	Indian Head Cent
Sept.	_____	Kay Lenker	Mercury Dime
Oct.	_____	Ginny Bourke	Buffalo nickel
Nov.	_____	_____	Washington quarter

Please turn up at the next meeting with your name in one of the spaces. Support the club in one way or another, PLEASE.

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It was nice to see and talk with **Irv Wool** at the **Coinarama**. It has been a long time since he attended a meeting; busy traveling.

It was a pleasant and most welcome surprise to have both **Peggy** and **Jim Parker** present for Coinarama.

Members will be polled at the August meeting regarding a bus trip to the Golden Gate Show. The estimated cost for the round trip is $15.00.

August 2:	Regular SDNS Meeting Refreshments: Bob Vik Coin: Indian Head Cent
August 13:	SDCICNC Meeting at North Park
Sept. 30/Oct. 1:	Golden Gate Coin Show Airport Marina Hotel: Los Angeles

The following SDNS members received the awards noted for their displays at Coinarama.

Best of Show:	Tom Fitzgerald
First Place:	Kay Lenker
First Place:	Chuck Luce
Second Place:	Ginny Bourke
Second Place:	Jim Wells
Third Place:	Eleanor Yachwan

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MURPHY'S LAW:

If anything can go wrong, it will.

KOHN'S COROLLARY TO MURPHY'S LAW:

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MAAHS' LAW:

Things go right so they can go wrong.

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☞ On June 23, the U. S. Senate's Committee on Environment and Public Works approved transfer of the Old San Francisco Mint Museum from the Treasury Department to the General Services Administration and recommended the expenditure of $18 million toward its upgrading.

☞ While this figure falls short of the amount needed for the complete renovation of the museum portion, the Friends Of The Mint believe that we can raise the balance through private donations from corporations and individuals. The end result will be a full realization of the multi floor and multi-media presentation laid out by M.I.N.T. (Maintain & Improve a National Treasure), a committee appointed by San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan to make the Old Mint a viable operation.

☞ Your tax deductible gift of $5 or more will be added to money already raised toward the necessary total. It will also earn you a limited edition gold finish commemorative wood featuring the design which appears above.

☞ With your help, we can make the Old San Francisco Mint a museum of which we'll all be proud.

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City, State, Zip _____

Thank you from all of us at Friends Of The Mint!

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August 2
Host: Bob Vik
Coin: Indian Head Cent

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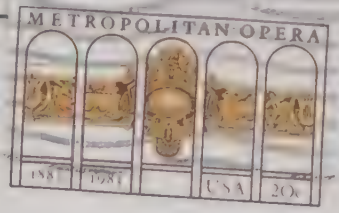

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Coin Quiz

Well, all the 'quizzers' did their homework for the August questions, as everyone had all four of them correct:

1. Oak
2. U.S. Assay Office
3. 1916-1924
4. Time flies

Let's see if you can do as well this month:

1. During what years did the Shield 5-cent pieces have rays on the reverse?
2. "Slanting 5's" appear on what U.S. copper coin?
3. When were the first Indian Head Quarter eagles introduced?
4. What president is shown on the U.S. Mint Medal marking the Transcontinental railway?

NOTES FROM COUNCIL MEETING -

First off, there weren't enough members interested in chartering a bus to the Golden State Coin show to make it feasible - cost too high! So plan on driving up either on Friday or Saturday (Sept.30/Oct 1) - there will be NO SHOW on Sunday.

COINARAMA medal chairmans report shows there are very few past-Coinarama silver medals left:

1992 -	Columbus	7
1993 -	Curtis Jenny	3
1994 -	Tunaman's Memorial	7

There were less than 100 struck in silver and if you have an interest in purchasing one of the remaining medals, call Ken Stempien at 442-7021

Decision was made to divide the remainder of the 1990 golden bronze and oxidized bronze among the Council clubs. This is the San Diego Convention Center landmark, and each club will receive 35 medals to dispsnse as they see fit.

Coinarama did show a profit, and as a result, each club will receive a check for $150.00. All clubs fulfilled the 20 point requirement for their help in one way or another.

ALSO, anyone interested in submitting a design for the 1995 Coinarama medal should present the design(s) at the November 12th Council meeting.

The Council will be electing new officers at the November meeting. Dorothy Baber has been appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

" AGE is a high price to pay for maturity."

HOW IT ALL BEGAN (Francis Jones)

Back in the 1950's, I heard about a group of San Diego coin collectors in down town San Diego. Being a collector myself for several years, I attended one of the meetings held in Dr. Bruce Wallace's office.

The strange thing was, there were only a couple of chairs in the room. Someone sat on a filing cabinet; another on the floor!

They decided to find another location after awhile. This led to meeting in the San Diego Gas and Electric building, and sometime later to Vasa Hall on El Cajon Blvd.

In 1956, this old bachelor married. This was about the time that Lou Panosh and I gave birth to COINARAMA.

Jumping to early 1964, my family (wife Gloria and daughter Vicki) moved to Sidney, Ohio, where I took the position at Coin World of Classified Ad manager.

In 1967, three homesick folks returned to their beloved San Diego.

Now it's 1994, and I am still looking for that elusive coin.

Cheers,

Francis S. Jones

(Is there another members out there who would loke to tell us HOW IT ALL BEGAN? I welcome any stories... Editor)

Meeting Highlights

As Secretary Kay was somewhere on the road returning from Detroit, minutes were taken by Pat Hook - thanks!

Routine business was conducted in a timely manner, with a show of hands indicating there wasn't enough interest to charter a bus for the Golden State Coin Show in Los Angeles on Sept 30 and Oct. 1st.

Al Baber gave the members a day-by-day description of their trip to Detroit for A.N.A. convention, listing high and low points. He had many items for illustration and give-away. It was pointed out that 1995 convention will be practically in our back yard - only up to ANAheim.

SHOW 'N TELL

Dorothy Baber showed the engraved plaque she received as newly installed President of the Token and Medal Society and the beautiful award that was presented to husband Al by ANA President David Ganz - the Presidential Award.
Chuck Luce - autographed portrait and book of John Buckley, who was his boss in the U.S. Navy
Ginny Bourke - Circle of Friends Medal, and a Turks and Caicos Islands coin.
Mike Shaw - medal from India

Lucky winners on drawing were Phil Centman, Paul Boltz, Bob Vik, Jim Hunt, Dorothy Baber, Chuck LUce, Pat Hook, Al Baber and John Jenkins.

Delicious homemade cake was furnished and served by Bob Vik.

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IF YOU ARE BOTHERED with flies, you should know that Thomas Jefferson said that the housefly actually influenced the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. July 4, 1776, was a hot, sticky day in Philadelphis, and the flies were out in force. Jeffersaon said it was the flies biting the legs of the delegates through their thin stockings that forced the gentlemen to vote promptly and adjourn.
(March 29, 1957 issue of Granite State News, as read in Rare Coin Review)

COIN QUIZ

Name That Coin!

From the clues given, see how many of the following coins you can identify. Score half or more right, and you are doing fine. Eight or more puts you in the top rank of knowledgeable numismatists!

1. Although this Lincoln cent does not have the lowest mintage of the series, in Uncirculated condition it is one of the most difficult to obtain, because by the time it was issued Lincoln cents were no longer a novelty.

a. 1909-S V.D.B.
b. 1914-D
c. 1929
d. 1939-D

2. Was the preceding one too easy? Okay, here's a toughie: J. Cochran, a bell founder, is best remembered by numismatists today for his:

a. Token dated 1844
b. Die engraving work at the New Orleans Mint
c. Civil War token
d. Coining press invention

3. If some rich uncle gave you your choice of one of the following MS-65 Morgan silver dollars as a gift, which financially would be the best to pick?

a. 1878-CC
b. 1884-CC
c. 1893-CC
d. 1903-O

4. Which one of the following coins has a lettered edge?

a. 1853 large cent
b. 1803 half cent
c. 1892 Columbian half dollar
d. 1908 double eagle

5. With a book written by Al C. Overton in your hand, which one of the following coins could be attributed to die variety?

a. 1803 silver dollar
b. 1796 large cent
c. 1794 half dollar
d. 1863 Civil War token

6. Just 24 of these were reported coined. Dave Bowers made headlines back in 1961 when he paid a record-breaking $13,000 for the example at the Hydeman Collection Sale.

a. 1894-S dime
b. 1876-CC 20-cent piece
c. 1838-O half dollar
d. 1804 silver dollar

7. Seth Huntingdon designed this coin, which became popular with collectors and the public alike.

a. 1946 Iowa half dollar
b. 1776-1976 bicentennial half dollar
c. 1982 Washington half dollar
d. 1948 Franklin half dollar

8. If a client said he was looking for pieces with "full split bands," Tom Becker, our senior numismatist, would know that he was referring to:

a. Morgan dollars
b. Franklin half dollars
c. Liberty nickels
d. Mercury dimes

9. Although mint reports indicate that 700 of these were struck, not a single specimen has ever turned up, thus providing the potential for a great treasure should one someday surface.

a. 1842 Small Date quarter dollar
b. 1933 double eagle
c. 1873-S Liberty Seated dollar
d. 1815 large cent

10. Among Peace-type silver dollars, the issue generally regarded as the most important key date is:

a. 1921
b. 1922-D
c. 1927
d. 1934-S

Calendar

Sept 6	Regular meeting - Kay Lenker - 'Maria Theresia' Coin: Mercury Dime Hostess: Kay Lenker - busy lady!
Sept 30 & Oct 1	FIFTH ANNUAL GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW Airport Marina Hotel- Los Angeles 8601 Lincoln Boulevard
Oct 4	Regular meeting - W.O. Wisslead - Buffalo nickels Hostess: Ginny Bourke Coin: WHAT ELSE? Buffalo Nickel

Bill Wisslead was to be our scheduled speaker at the January installation dinner until illness prevented his visit. At the recent C.E.S. Collectibles show in Fullerton, he said he would fulfill that obligation for our October meeting. So look forward to an enjoyable meeting - and bring a friend. Bill is quite an interesting speaker.

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"WE'VE HIT A SNAG ON THE NEW DOLLAR COIN DESIGN... THEY CAN'T DECIDE WHICH FACE TO USE — THE OLD ELVIS OR THE YOUNG ELVIS ... !"

FROM YOUR EDITOR...

Your editor had a phone call from Peggy Parker the other night, and she needs a 'coin club meeting' fix. She cannot find a coin club in three cities in her area - Bend, Sistera and Redmond (Oregon, that is) and is giving some serious thought to organizing one. Wish her a lot of luck, and if you have some helpful hints, drop her a line:

P.O.Box 923 Sisters ORegon 97759

Received a short note from Mbr L.L.Lundberg (Slidell LA) who missed the A.N.A. Detroit conclave due to continuing radiation treatments. His post-treatment exams find no evidence of the tumor - best of luck, Lowell, from all of us.

The Babers (Al and Dorothy) spent some time in Gunnison Colorado during August. Al's fishing prowess was put to a test and he came out lacking something. He did enjoy the visit with his brothers even though the fish were not cooperating.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON Page 5

1 - b	2-a	3-c	4-d	5-c
6-a	7-b	8-d	9-c	10-d

THANKS to Mbr Phil Iversen for sending this puzzler. How well did YOU do? If you got them all right; well, CONGRATULATIONS, you have just been signgd up as program speaker because of your vast knowledge in numismatics, which you can share with others.

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HOW to get a man to do set ups:

Put the remote control between his feet!

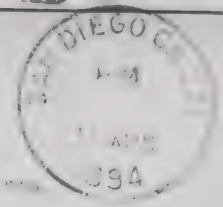
Next Meeting:

SEPT 6, 1994 - 7:15 PM
Regular meeting - Speaker
Kay Lenker - Maria Theresia
Coin: Mercury Dime

Meet us first Tuesday each month

7:15 PM No.Park Adult Ctr
2719 Howard St.

Visitors Always Welcome!



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Coin Quiz

September answers found 50% of you being 100% correct, and the other 50% were 75% right. Here are the answers and if you can remembers what you gave, you know in whith % you fall:

#1 1866 and 1867
#2 Some varieties of the 1855 Large Cent
#3 1908
#4 Ulysses S. Grant

The questions for October are some of those used in the A.N.A. World Series of Numismatics in Detroit in July:

1. What two year dates would be missing in a complete set of Washington quarters from 1932 to the present time?
2. What United States commemorative half dollar was the first to be sold at drive-up booths?
3. What is the only regular issue United States coin with E PLURIBUS UNUM on the *obverse?*
4. Which denomination of the United States gold coinage is the only one to have been struck at each of the eight mints?

Calendar

Sept 30/Oct 1	Golden State Coin Show Los Angeles
Tues Oct 4	SDNS Regular Meeting Speaker: Wm O. Wisslead 'Buffalo Nickels'
Hostess:	Ginny Bourke
Coin:	Buffalo Nickels
Oct. 6,7,8,9	Long Beach Coin Exposition

Long Beach Convention Center -
Remember, a paid up dues card to a Coin Club will get you into the show F R E E!
Mbr. Floyd Murphy will be driving to the show on Saturday, Oct 8 and has room for a couple of passengers. IF interested, give him a call at 281-8723

Nov. 1	Regular meeting - Speaker to be announced: NEED HOST or HOSTESS!
Nov 12	SDCICNC Council Meeting
Nov 13	Heartland Coin Show - El Cajon

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5TH ANNUAL GOLDEN STATE COIN SHOW

September 30 - October 1, 1994
at
The Airport/Marina Hotel
8601 Lincoln Boulevard
Los Angeles

Admission Fee - Free Parking - Exhibits
70 Dealers • Buy • Sell • Trade Coins, Currency, Exonumia, Books

* NASC Gold Drawing *
Saturday, October 1, 1994
@ 4:30 P.M.

Sponsored By:
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Council of International Numismatic (COIN)
Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC)
Society for International Numismatics (SIN)

My typewriter isn't very 'prolific' this month, so have drawn on the writings of Q. David Bowers from his book "The Numismtists's Bedside Companion" - gleaning comments of Almanacs published in the 19th and 20th century;

A widow was weeping over the new-made grave of her husband, finally dried her eyes, and said: 'There's one comfort in it anyhow. I shall know where he is at night. Hostetters Almanac, 1882

A man with an inveterate habit of talking to himself when asked why, said he had two reasons; One, he liked to talk to a sensible man; and the other, he liked to hear a sensible man talk. Ayer's Almanac, 1873

Horace Greeley used to tell this story:
He once sent a claim for collection to a western lawyer, and regarding it as a rather desperate claim, told the attorney if he collected it he might reserve half the amount for his fee. In due time, Greeley received the following letter: 'Dear Sir - I have succeeded in collecting my half of the claim. The balance is hopeless." Hostetters Almanac, 1881

A fellow was nearly eaten out of house and home by the constant visit of his friends was one day complaining bitterly of his numerous visitors. "I can tell you how to get rid of them." said his listener. 'Pray how?" - 'Lend money to the poor ones, and borrow money from the rich ones, and neither type will ever visit you again." Hostetter's Almanac - 1871

Jenkins told his son, who proposed to buy a cow in partnership, to be sure to buy the hinder half, as it eats nothing, and gives all the milk.
Ayer's Almanac - 1873

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You can pay your 1995 dues anytime - $6.00 ------

Meeting Highlights

The September meeting, with 15 members present, had routine business matters taken care of - Treasurers report, press releases from A.N.A., as well as Kay Lenker reporting on the Golden State Coin Show at Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles, on Sept. 30 and Oct 1st. Unfortunately there was not enough interest in a bus to warrant a charter. Several members do plan on car-pool to the show on Saturday however.

The Society received 35 each golden bronze and oxidized medals from 1990 Coinarama medal surplus. They will be distributed at future meetings.

An American Numismatic Association Educational award was presented to Roger Sullivan for his talk on Military Medals at the July meeting.

One of the press releases from ANA was requesting nominees for the Glenn Smedley Award, and Chuck Luce asked that the Society nominate Al and Dorothy Baber. It was approved by those present, and Al Baber explained a little about the man for whom the award is named.

Members were reminded that the December meeting is also the DONATION AUCTION and potluck, and it was stressed that the auction should carry 'good' items, and not 'junk'.

Kay presented a slide program on COINS OF MARIA THERESIA showing coins that circulated during Maria's reign. She had interesting stories on Maria's life, her family and her achievements.

Show and Tell members:

Jim Hunt - gold-colored piece sent to those who make a donation to Friends of the Mint
Mike Shaw - Military medals from time of Queen Anne.
Al Baber - Set of 12 commemorative 1991 Canadian coins, and book of Buffalo nickels and Nickel paper weight.
Roger Sullivan - A charge card from Marston's Dept. store; a 50¢ bank note and a Boyd's Battery token

Kay Lenker - a number of post cards of Maria Theresia and her family as well as a map showing Hapsburg Empire in 1740.

Kay was doing double duty - speaker and hostess; she served delicious homemade cakes.

E. T. Perry was not present to receive the 'goody jar' but consolation prizes went to Jim and Ellen Hunt, and Les Peich claimed the 11 Mercury dimes on the Coin of the month.

Of the dozen people winning door prizes, both Ellen Hunt and Floyd Murphy began to feel guilty; each claiming four (4) prizes!

The regular meeting was followed by a brief Board meeting, specifically to offer nominations for two (2) Board vacancies. The terms on Laura Webb and Chuck Luce will expire this year.

It was also decided to give raffle prizes away in a different manner than currently conducted. The prizes will be listed in the Bulletin and given away in the order in which they are listed. Order in which they are listed (and awarded) will be pre-determined by random drawing by Medal Chairman. Remember, the more tickets sold, the better the prizes.

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RAFFLE.....

Based on recommendation of the Board, the draw ing for raffle prizes will be done in a differ ent manner. Randomly drawn, listed below is t order in which prizes will be awarded:

1.	1970 Franklin Mint Medal	
2.	1990 Silver Dollar	
3.	1974 Canadian 5¢	'D'
4.	1969 Mint Set	
5.	1982 Washington Quarter	
6.	1992 Roll 50 Centimes	'D'
7.	1967 Half Dollar	
8.	1983 Silver Dollar	
9.	1973 Quarter dollar	
10.	1990 Mint Set	
11.	Apollo 14 Moon Medal	
12.	Mix of Foreign coins	'D'
13.	Britain 2 pence 1975	'D'
14.	COINARAMA Bronze medal	'D'
15.	Pinback	'D'

'D' indicated that this item was donated.

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MONEY FACTS - (from Chuck Luce)

In the 1600's, marijuana was used as legal tender in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The purpose was to stimulate hemp production (it was used in rope, sails and many other products) and to help relieve Colonial currency shortages.

The United States has never recalled any of its currency.

ecretary Kay has 'itchy feet' again, and is soon to
e on her way to Germany, probably be leaving before
he October meeting, and following a few weeks at home
rom that trip, she will be making an 'around the world'
ruise and trip. Bon Voyage, Kay !!

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HERE ARE YOU?

Mail addressed to Mbr Charles Jackson (living in
reece) has been returned with notation "Post Office
ox closed" Does anyone have any news on Charlie?

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br. Tom Fitzgerald had a meeting with his A.N.A.
995 Convention committee the last week in September,
nd contrary to publicity in the numismatic publica-
ions,that the ANAheim 1995 convention might be pulled
rom California (Sales Tax problems), that is NOT TRUE.
everal members from San Diego area are on Gen'l Chair-
an Tom's committee and can probably answer questions
n what to expect.

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huck Luce furnished the following explanation on the
enry Ford Penny --

n 1917, auto baron Henry Ford decided to mint his
wn penny with his likeness and the inscription
Help the Other Fellow." His intention was not to
ounterfeit, but to create a good will gesture - he
lanned to give the coins to friends and customers.
e ordered a million Ford Pennies from a Detroit Jew-
ler. But the nation's entry into World War I ended
he project after only a few Ford coins were distri-
uted. Today, a Henry Ford penny is worth more than
5.00.

Does anyone have one to share?

Next Meeting:

Wm. O. Wisslead on "BUFFALO NICKELS"
Tuesday - Oct 4 - 7:15 PM
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Coin Quiz

AGAIN, 50% of you had answers totally correct. and the other 50% were only 75% correct - you'll know who you are.

1. 1933-1975
2. The Oakland Bay Bridge Half Dollar
3. Morgan silver dollar
4. the $5 gold

Now try these:

1. The Capped Bust half dollar has a lettered edge from 1807-1836. What does it say?

2. What is the date on the first quarter eagles?

3. What three men appear on the official 1960 Pony Express Centennial medal?

4. What appears on the headband of the Classic head half cents and large cents?

GOOD LUCK!!!

FUTURE C.S.N.A.

California State Numismatic Association 95th Semi-annual convention will be held Jan. 20-22, 1995, in San Jose at the Holiday Inn at the Park, in conjunction with San Jose Coin Club's annual coin show.

CSNA Pres. David Lange is encouraging members to submit competitive exhibits as there will be judgeing this year, and the Best in Show for CSNA members will be the Albert L. Baber Silver medal. Exhibit Chairman Ron Ishizaki will soon be distributing applications.

CSNA election ballots are in the mail now, and installation of new officers will be held during that convention. SDNS Mbr Phil Iversen is on the ballot for President.

PS - during that convention, California Exonumist Society will be installing their officers, as well, and you'll find a number of SDNS members listed:

Dorothy Baber as President; Chuck Luce as Vice President, Kay Lenker as Secretary and Al Baber on the Board.

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Received a nice letter from Jim Heine this past month. Since his health has improved, he and wife Judy find themselves going off occasionally on day-trips. Nice to hear he is feeling better.

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Spoke with L.L.Lundberg while working on the Bulletin; he is busy as musician for a number of Masonic organizations, and has spread himself pretty thin. He hopes to get to California for the August ANA convention in Anaheim.

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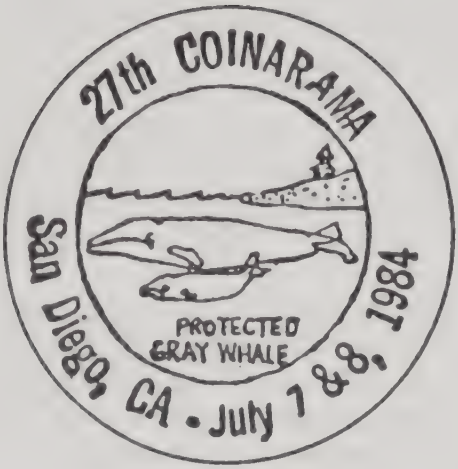
Reported Charles Jackson as 'missing' last month. He has surfaced and said it was some disgruntled postal employee who 'dropped him through the cracks' - he is alive and well.

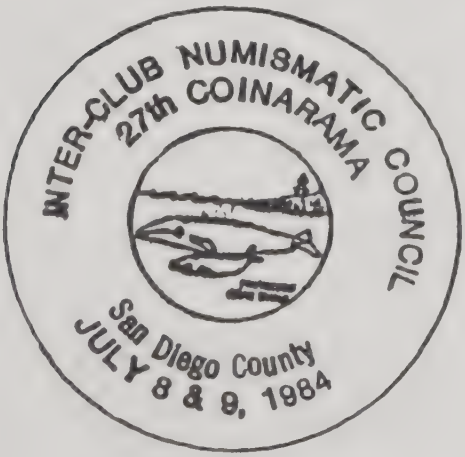
1984 - 27th Coinarama
Wooden Money



Obverse

Reverse

The official 27th Coinarama wooden dollar shown above was designed by Lloyd Lindemer. Below is a wooden dollar owned by Gordon Donnell of Berkeley, California. Does anyone know the story behind this piece? The center artwork is the same, only smaller. The reverses are the same; note the date is one day different. Were these an initial issue which was rejected? Are there any other copies locally? If anyone can provide information on this piece, please contact:



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Meeting Highlights

President Ginny welcomed three guests - Elaine Schapira, Ann Hall (Hemet) and Dr. Lee Solomon. Elaine served as Secretary in Kay's absence...

Dorothy Baber gave brief report on the disappointing crowd for the Golden State Coin Show. Mbr. Tom Fitzgerald AGAIN claimed two of the better gold prizes on the drawing.

The subject of rental of the Safety Deposit Box was brought up - the box contains only the club's 25th Anniversary medal set and the incorporation papers. Motion was made and carried to close the box. On a discussion as to what to do with the medal set, a motion was made and carried to put the set up for sale, but no decision was made at this meeting on the manner of sale. The set will be brought for members to see.

Show 'n tell -

Dorothy Baber -	Dinosaur medal set prize from GSCS, and unique coine/flower center piece
Les Peich	U.S. Type Set
Al Baber	Commemorative Masonic Medal for Yorkrite
Roger Sullivan	Indian Wars Shooting medal of 1889

Speaker Bill Wisslead offered a slide program on Buffalo nickels 1913-1938. His slides showed the three Indian Chiefs who were used as models for James Fraser, the buffalo Black Diamond, and he described the 10 different points to look for to authenticate a 3-legged nickel.

Not only did Chuck Luce win the 11 nickels, he also got the attendance prize!

Bill Wisslead took away five ! of theprizes for the evening, with other winners Paul Boltz, Floyd Murphy, Ginny Bourke, Wayne Dickey, Ann Hall and Lee Solomon.

Refreshments were furnished and served by Pres.Ginny.

The Golden State Coin Show, Sept 30/Oct 1, was not as well attended as hoped, with less than 300 persons in attendance for the 2-day show, at the Airport Marina Hotel in Los Angeles. The Committee will meet later in the year to determine the future of G.S.C.S. Gen'l Chairman (and SDNS Mbr) Phil Iversen was the recipient of Society of International Numismatics Medal of Merit. Both Tom Fitzgerald and Kay Lenker took 1st place in their Exhibit categories.

As well as G.S.C.S, the convention was also the 94th Semi Annual convention for C.S.N.A. and this is the 'WOOLY MAMMOTH' from California's Pleistocene Age that is depicted on the medal for this convention. The speaker at the Friday Luncheon talked on the Pleistocene Age - a very interesting topic. If anyone is interested in obtaining a set of these medals, please contact Joyce Kuntz, CSNA Medal Chairman at 697 Scripps Dr. Claremont CA 91711

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It is with sincere regret that we learned of the death of Don Carmody, husband of Mbr Helen Carmody on October 2nd. Don had been ill for quite some time, and since August, had been in a care facility. Helen has our deepest sympathies and condolences.

S.D.N.S. 25th Anniversary Medal Set

The 25th Anniversary Medal Set, which consists of three (3)medals - gold, silver and bronze - will be on display at the November meeting, and a summarized history of the conception, design and sale of the medal will be printed in the December bulletin.

RAFFLE

It wasn't the Raffle Chairman trying to put anything over on members at the last meeting, listing '1990' and '1993' silver dollars on the raffle - strictly nor proper proof readyin! It was an 1890 dollar and an 1893 dollar that the winners received.

1. 1883 Five cents
2. 1885-O Silver dollar
3. 1953-S Half dollar
4. 1852 Large Cent
5. 1934-S Silver Dollar
6. 1969 Mint Set
7. 1864 Two cents
8. 1921-S Silver dollar
9. 1891 Dime
10. 1879-S Silver dollar

11D 1994 Souvenir A.N.A.
12D 1992 NASC Medal
13D 1990 SDCICNC Medal
14D 1920 Uruguay 20¢
15D Miscellaneous Foreign

Items with 'D' have been donated by Dorothy and Al Baber, Chuck Luce and John Stadnyk...Thanks!

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THIS 'N THAT

At the Orders and Medals Society of America 's National convention in Chicago in August, two or SDNS members were elected to the Board of Directors- Roger Sullivan and Mike Shaw. Roger is serving for his fifth term - is it because they hope he will get it right someday? All kidding aside, Roger, you must be doing something right or they would have voted you right out of there.

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JUST ANOTHER GENTLE REMINDER --- DUES ARE DUE = $6.00 per year.

Calendar

Nov. 1 Regular meeting - Al Baber on PRISON TOKENS
Host: Wayne Dickey
Coin: Washington 25¢

Nov. 8 SEE YOU AT THE POLLS - ELECTION DAY

Nov. 12 COUNCIL MEETING - Delegates to be notified
Nomination of officers, and submittal of design for COINARAMA medal

Nov. 13 Heartland Coin Show - Masonic Temple in El Cajon

Nov. 24 Have a nice THANKSGIVING DAY

Dec. 6 POTLUCK DINNER and DONATION AUCTION
6:15 PM - Bring your friends and M O N E Y!

Have a Happy Holiday Season

Jan. 3 FIRST meeting of the New Year - Speaker to be announced

Jan. 8 San Bernardino County Coin Club annual Coin and Collectible Show

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Illinois member Martha Stevenson is now living with her daughter - she has sent another donation to help with refreshments at a future meeting. We thank you, Martha....

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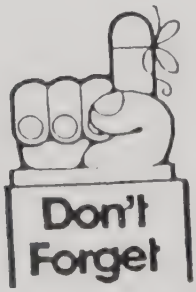

to check around for NICE donation auction items for the December meeting...

and check out the cook book for some tasty dish to bring to the pot luck....

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SPECIAL NOTICE

DEC. 6 6:30 P.M.
POTLUCK AND DONATION AUCTION
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
BRING SPECIAL ITEMS FOR AUCTION
COIN - SUSAN B. ANTHONY DOLLAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

JAN 3 1995 INSTALLATION DINNER -
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Meeting Highlights

TWENTY MEMBERS ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER MEETING, CONDUCTED BY PRES. GINNY BOURKE. ELAINE SCHAPIRA BECAME SDNS NEWEST MEMBER.

DOROTHY BABER REPORTED ON CSNA ACTIVITIES, NOTING THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN SAN JOSE ON JANUARY 20 AND 21, 1995. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, EXHIBITS WILL BE JUDGED COMPETITIVELY, WITH THE 'ALBERT L. BABER' BEST IN SHOW AWARD GOING TO THE BEST EXHIBIT. THIS AWARD IS SPONSORED BY SON LARRY, AND KAY LENKER IS THE PROUD OWNER OF TWO OF THESE AWARDS.

LARRY REPORTED HE HAD REMOVED THE CONTENTS OF THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX, AND AS WELL AS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY MEDAL SET, THERE WERE SOME MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS WHICH ARE DESCRIBED IN AN ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE. AL BABER GAVE SOME INFORMATION ON THE 'BIRTH' OF THIS MEDAL, AND HAD A SALES BOOK THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER BY FRANCIS JONES, WHO WAS MINTMASTER AT THAT TIME.

IT IS THE PLAN OF THE SOCIETY TO SELL THIS 3-PIECE MEDAL SET, BUT NOT BEFORE ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO CONTACT ALL WHO HAD A PART IN THE PROGRAM, AND WHO MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE SET. THE MEDAL SET WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

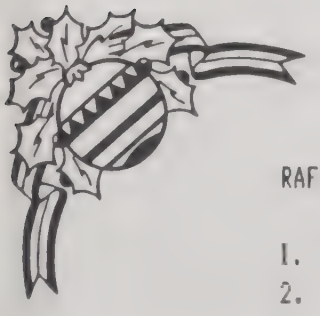
DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL DONATION AUCTION AND POTLUCK DINNER. DOROTHY WILL PREPARE THE MAIN COURSE (HAM) AND MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING HOT DISHES AND SALADS TO 'GO WITH' THE HAM. EVERYONE IS ALSO ASKED TO BRING THEIR OWN TABLE SERVICE. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM WITH A BRIEF MEETING TO FOLLOW TO ELECT TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS. FLOYD MURPHY AND MIKE SHAW WERE NOMINATED TO FILL THESE TWO POSITIONS. DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR 'NICE' DONATIONS FOR THE AUCTION - ENJOY THIS 'FUN-FILLED EVENING - ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS BUYING MORE AND BETTER PRIZES FOR THE INSTALLATION DINNER IN JANUARY.

THE PROGRAM WAS PRESENTED BY AL BABER WHO DISPLAYED AND SPOKE ON PRISON TOKENS, WHICH ARE RELATIVELY NEW TO THE UNITED STATES. PRIOR TO TOKENS, RECORDS WERE KEPT IN LEDGER BOOKS, INDICATING EARNINGS AND DEBITS. THERE HAVE BEEN METAL TOKENS, COUPONS, PUNCH CARDS AND THEATER TYPE TICKETS. CALIFORNIA USED A ONE-SIZE TOKEN, SMALLER THAN A DIME, AND USED 1,2, AND 3 TOKENS. TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY ISSUED A SUPPLEMENT TO THEIR JOURNAL ON PRISON TOKENS. THERE HAVE NOT BEEN MANY BOOKS WRITTEN ON THE SUBJECT.

· EXHIBITS INCLUDED:

CHUCK LUCE	PRISON TOKENS; 1960 PONY EXPRESS MEDAL AND A MEDAL ISSUED BY MONTE VISTA SCHOOL
JACK HOOK	HUNTING TROPHY FROM MT. LASSEN - SET OF ANTLERS
JIM HUNT	SOUVENIRS FROM CARSON CITY MINT, GHOST TOWN AND MINING TOWN MEMORABILIA
MIKE SHAW	INDIAN RECRUITING BADGE FROM WORLD WARS I AND II
GINNY BOURKE	$1 BILLS WITH NEW TREASURER WITHEROW'S SIGNATURE.
LARRY BABER	ORDERS AND MEDALS OF BULGARIA AND THE SILVER 'BABER BEST IN SHOW' MEDAL

WAYNE DICKEY WAS REFRESHMENT HOST, AND SERVED BROWNIES AND ICE CREAM, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NEWEST MEMBER, ELAINE. WAYNE WAS THE WINNER OF THE GOODIE JAR, AND KAY LENKER WON THE TEN QUARTERS.
WINNERS OF RAFFLE PRIZES WERE CHUCK LUCE, KAY LENKER, LARRY BABER, ELLEN HUNT AND JIM HUNT, FLOYW MURPHY, AL AND DOROTHY BABER AND WAYNE DICKEY. THOSE DONATING PRIZES WERE AL AND DOROTHY BABER, JOHN STADNYK AND CHUCK LUCE, FOR WHICH WE SAY 'THANKS'



RAFFLE - DECEMBER 1994

1. 1953-S DIME
2. 1921 SILVER DOLLAR
3. 1964 HALF DOLLAR
4. 1864 2-CENT
5. 1900 SILVER DOLLAR
6. 1964-D QUARTER
7. 1968 PARTIAL YEAR SET
8. 1922-S SILVER DOLLAR
9. 1902 & 1906 INDIAN HEAD CENTS
10. 1879-O SILVER DOLLAR

11-D TAMS BRONZE MEDAL
12-D 1971 & 1973 BRITISH PENNY
13-D ANTIQUE BRONZE TAMS MEDAL
14-D MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN

'D' DENOTES COINS DONATED - AL AND DOROTHY BABER, CHUCK LUCE AND JOHN STADNYK

S.D.N.S. ANNIVERSARY MEDAL BY AL BABER

AT THE BIRTHDAY MEETING IN JUNE, 1960, A MEDAL COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY, WHICH WAS TWO YEARS AWAY, WAS DISCUSSED. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD AT BOTH THE JULY AND AUGUST MELTINGS, AT WHICH TIME FRANCIS JONES WAS APPOINTED TO PURSUE THE PROJECT.

HE MADE INQUIRIES TO MEDALLIC ART COMPANY IN NEW YORK CITY, REGARDING STRIKING A MEDAL, AND REPLIES, WITH PICTURES OF STOCK MEDALS, WERE RECEIVED FROM BILL LOUTH, VICE PRESIDENT. FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THERE WAS MUCH VACILLATING. FRANCIS KEPT UP A RUNNING CORRESPONDENCE WITH MEDALLIC ART. THERE WAS NO COMMITTEE, PER SE; FRANCIS BROUGHT HIS FINDINGS TO MONTHLY MEETINGS, WHERE DECISIONS WERE MADE.

AT THE OCTOBER 1961 BOARD MEETING, IT WAS DECIDED TO STRIKE 1000 MEDALS. BASED ON A COST OF $860.00 FOR DIES, AND EACH FINISHED MEDAL TO BE $2.90, WE DETERMINED THAT PRE-SALE COST PER MEDAL WOULD BE $6.00, WHICH WOULD ALSO COVER THE COST OF STRIKING TWO (2) GOLD MEDALS. THE MEDAL WOULD BE 40MM IN DIAMETER OF FINE SILVER - .925F. JOE GARSIDE MADE THE FIRST PURCHASE OF 10 MEDALS, IMMEDIATELY PLANKING DOWN HIS CHECK FOR $60.00.

SALES SLOWED AND AS IT WAS GETTING CLOSER TO COMMITMENT TIME TO MEDALLIC ART ON QUANTITY TO BE STRUCK (TO BE PAID UPON DELIVERY), THE QUANTITY WAS REDUCED TO 750 PIECES. AFTER TWO MONTHS, WITH SALES NOT GOING TOO WELL, QUANTITY WAS AGAIN REDUCED - TO 500 PIECES. OUR BIRTHDAY NIGHT (JUNE) WAS UPON US, AND STILL NOT ENOUGH SALES, SO THE FINAL QUANTITY ORDERED WAS 350 SILVER AND ONLY ONE GOLD MEDAL.

WHEN THE QUANTITY WAS REDUCED TO 350, THE FIXED COSTS REMAINED THE SAME, HOWEVER PRICE PER MEDAL INCREASED TO $3.40 EACH, AND THERE WERE MORE ADDED COSTS, IE, COPYRIGHT, ADS IN NUMISMATIC PUBLICATIONS, PHOTOS, ETC.

THE MEDALS WERE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR OUR JULY 1962 MEETING. AT THE JULY BOARD MEETING, IT WAS DECIDED THAT, TO BREAK EVEN ON THE PROGRAM, THE REMAINING 75 UNSOLD MEDALS HAD TO BE SOLD FOR $7.70 EACH, AND THEY WERE.

TWO BRONZE MEDALS WERE SENT TO THE SOCIETY ABOUT 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE SILVER SHIPMENT. ONE OF THESE WAS PRESENTED TO FRANCIS JONES FOR HIS DILIGENT WORK. WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE LAST 10 MEDALS, BY AL BABER ON DECEMBER 6, 1962, THE MEDAL PROGRAM WAS CLOSED.

THE DESIGN FOR THE MEDAL, AND THE WOODEN MODELS, WERE MADE BY SDNS MBR ROBERT J. BROSCH, AND THE SCULPTOR WAS JOSEPH A. DI LORENZO, AN EMPLOYEE OF MEDALLIC ART.

THE OBVERSE OF THE MEDAL SHOWS A FIGURE OF A GREEK GODDESS HOLDING A PAIR OF OLIVE BRANCHES AROUND THE FIGURE '25'. BELOW THE SEATED FIGURE IS A COIN ALBUM SIGNIFYING THE SCIENCE OF NUMISMATICS. AROUND THE EDGE IS THE NAME OF THE SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY AND THE DATES 1937-1962.

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO IS REPRESENTED BY THE FIGURES ON THE REVERSE. ON THE TOP OF THE MEDAL IS SHOWN THE BELFRY FROM THE MISSION SAN DIEGO DE ALCALA THE FIRST OF MANY MISSIONS FOUNDED BY FRAY JUNIPERO SERRA IN JULY 1769. ON EACH SIDE OF THE REVERSE ARE TWO PILLARS FROM THE SPANISH PILLAR DOLLAR. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MEDAL IS SHOWN A SAILING SHIP, THE SAN SALVADOR, THE FLAGSHIP OF JUAN RODRIGUEZ CABRILLO, WHO DISCOVERED SAN DIEGO ON SEPT. 28, 1542. FILLING OUT THE BOTTOM OF THE MEDAL ARE TWO DOLPHINS INDICATING THE DEPENDENCY ON THE SEA BY THE PORT OF SAN DIEGO.

THE SILVER MEDALS ARE 40MM IN DIA; WT 39.2 G = 1.26 OZ. AT .925F = 1.16 OZ ASW. THE GOLD WT 48.5 G= 1.56 OZ @ 14K = .91 OZ AGW. IT'S COST WAS $78.00.

MEDAL #193 WAS DONATED TO CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSN; #145 WAS DONATED TO AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION; #319 TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO; #296 WAS PUT IN THE CLUB SET, AND #293 WAS DONATED TO THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

MORE HISTORY

FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE BOARD AT THE OCTOBER 1994 MEETING, LARRY BABER, TREASURER, CLOSED THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX, AND AMONG THE CONTENTS WAS THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY 3-PIECE MEDAL SET AND SOME OLD DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, NEATLY FOLDED, SHOWING INCORPORATION DATE OF AUGUST 1, 1961, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF LONG BEACH ATTORNEY, CHARLES JOHNSON. THOUGH THE COST OF INCORPORATION WAS $15.00, PLUS ATTORNEY FEES, NO FEES WERE PAID, AND THE SOCIETY ISSUED LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO CHARLES.

INCORPORATING DIRECTORS WERE JAMES A. ANDERSON, FRANCIS S JONES, AND L.T. GOTTSCHALL. SECRETARY HARVEY L. ROSE, ON AUGUST 11, RECEIVED CORPORATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR. JOHNSON, TO WIT:

REQUIREMENT THAT A MEMBERSHIP BOOK BE MAINTAINED WHICH REFLECT THE DATE OF NEW MEMBERS, AND THE DATE OF TERMINATED MEMBERS. FURTHER, THAT MEMBERS MAY NOT 'TRANSFER THEIR MEMBERSHIP RIGHT'; THAT MEMBERS ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE DEBTS OF THE ORGANIZATION; THAT THE ORGANIZATION MAY 'LEVY DUES AND ASSESSMENTS UPON THEIR MEMBERS'. ACCORDING TO LARRY, THE SOCIETY SEEMS TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, AS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, WAS HELD AUGUST 15, 1961, AND OFFICERS ELECTED WERE DOUGLAS DECKER AS PRESIDENT; L.T. GOTTSCHALL, VICE PRESIDENT; HARVEY L. ROSE, SECRETARY AND ROBERT MC CRACKEN, TREASURER.

THERE WERE ALSO SOME OLD EXHIBIT RIBBONS, ONE FROM THE 1960 CAL-STATE CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO AT THE U.S. GRANT HOTEL, AND RIBBONS FROM THE 1962 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION, AND FROM THE 1963 SIXTH ANNUAL COINARAMA.

THE SOCIETY, WHICH NOT TOO LONG AGO CELEBRATED A 50TH ANNIVERSARY, PRE-DATES ALL OF THE ITEMS FOUND IN THE BOX, BUT UNTIL THE OFFICIAL INCORPORATION, THE SOCIETY EXISTED ONLY AS A GROUP OF PEOPLE BANDING TOGETHER FOR THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE HOBBY BUT IN 1961, THEY BECAME LIGIT.

Coin Quiz

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ALL RELATE TO U.S. COINS., DEPICTING ANIMALS OR SUCH. SEE HOW MANY YOU GET!

1. TO FIND A BEAVER, ONE SHOULD SEEK A:
   A. 1853 U.S. ASSAY OFFICE GOLD $20.
   B. 1922 GRANT HALF DOLLAR
   C. 1936 ALBANY HALF DOLLAR
   D. 1884 PATTERN NICKEL FIVE CENT PIECE

2. IF YOU LOOK CAREFULLY, YOU'LL FIND A MOOSE ON A
   A. 1865 TWO-CENT PIECE
   B. 1785 CONNECTICUT COPPER
   C. 1803 $10 GOLD
   D. 1920 MAINE HALF DOLLAR

3. AN EAGLE IS FOUND AS PART OF THE DESIGN OF THE:
   A. 1793 WREATH CENT.
   B. 1936 CINCINNATI COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR
   C. 1804 SILVER DOLLAR
   D. 1859 CENT

4. A DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN CARRYING AN IRON SAFE IS A DESIGN FEATURE OF A CERTAIN:
   A. 1837 HARD TIMES TOKEN
   B. 1879 PATTERN GOLOID DOLLAR
   C. ENCASED POSTAGE STAMP
   D. CLARK, GRUBER & CO. GOLD $20

DID YOU HAVE THESE ANSWERS FOR NOVEMBER? ?

1. FIFTY CENTS, OR HALF DOLLAR
2. 1796
3. W.H. RUSSELL, ALEX MAJORS, W.B. WADDELL, PONY EXPRESS FOUNDERS.
4. LIBERTY

To pay 1995
$6.00 Dues

Next Meeting:

TUESDAY DEC. 6 1994
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